

NewsRelease

Water quality data reveals high bacteria count in Robie Creek Park swimming area

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BOISE — Water quality monitoring by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has identified E. coli bacteria levels at the Robie Creek Park swimming area on Lucky Peak Lake in excess of state water quality standards.

The excess levels of E. coli may pose a threat to public health and, if ingested, can cause diarrhea, fever, and vomiting, particularly in infants, small children, and the elderly.

Preliminary results indicate the primary source of the bacteria is most likely waterfowl waste produced by the large number of geese known to inhabit the immediate area.

To be safe, DEQ recommends that any activity that may result in the ingestion of lake water be avoided at this location. These activities include swimming and wading in the immediate area of the lake and the designated swimming area at the Robie Creek Park.

Routine monitoring will continue at this location to assess bacteria levels. Warn signs have been posted at the beach. Consider Barclay Bay Beach as an alternative.

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